Board of Trustees Announce Rate Increase at Hosp

The Board of Trustees of Wasatch County Hospital nounced that effective Febru 1, 1970, the room rates wo be increased by $2.00 per c The increase will make ro rates at the hospital $32.00 a semi-private room and $3! for a private room.

The board gave as reason the increase as rising hosp costs with many suppliers h ing raised their prices by 8 percent during the past yc and also the mandatory raise the minimum wages for hospi employees from $1.30 per hc to $1.45 per hour effective F ruary 1, 1970.

Even with the increase room rates the price per d is still considerably lower th the larger hospitals in Salt La and Utah County where $4.0 $6.00 increases have either be announced or are contemplatc Comparable rates for a sen private room range from $35.0 $47.75 per day depending on t size of the hospital and fro $38.00 to $49.75 for a priva room.

When speaking of the ra increase, Mr. Schloss, the Hc pital Administrator, indicatc that the room rate which th hospital has more realisticeL labeled the "Daily Servic Charge" includes the cost fc the room, nursing service wit exception of Special Dut Nurses; meals, including se vices of a dietician; and all otl er administrative and bas special services required i maintain the hospital patient.